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THEY THOUGHT HIS PLANE WOULD STOP THE RAIN

An R.A.F. pilot, Flying Officer A. J. S. James, recently had a perilous adventure with a strange tribe in the desolate hill country in northern Oman, Arabia.

He had flown from his base at Bahrein to find a suitable place for a new airstrip and was about to give up when he spotted a likely stretch in a wide bowl looking not unlike the craters we see in photographs of the Moon.

HAVING made a low run over the area Flying Officer James landed. But he had no sooner switched off his engine than queer-looking people appeared. Some carried hatchets on the end of walking sticks and he noticed that the women's faces were dyed blue. It seems that they were not Arabs but remnants of a tribe of the ancient Hittite race, and sun-worshippers.

They had never seen a car, much less an aircraft on the ground, and they were obviously amazed at the Twin Pioneer. But they were not pleased about it either for one of them, evidently the chief, spat angrily at it.

The pilot learned from another tribesman, who spoke a little Arabic, that it was thought the plane was unlucky and would stop all future rain.

The pilot made friendly gestures, but it was clear that he

was not welcome and he decided that the sooner he measured out the proposed airstrip and took off again, the better it would be. He had only paced out about 150 yards, however, when the tribe gathered round him menacingly, and he had to retreat hastily to the aircraft.

One of the girls made things worse by trying to board the Pioneer. Tribesmen dragged her away but the incident angered the chief still more, and he struck the airman with the flat of his hatchet as he climbed into the cockpit. The tribesmen then closed in, shouting and waving their hatchets. But when Flying Officer James started his engine they scattered in panic and he was able to take off.

Five days later he flew over the area again. But the tribe need not have worried. The entire valley was flooded.

First Flying Telescope

Of all the artificial satellites sent into orbit round the Earth, none is more remarkable than Explorer XI. Looking not unlike an old-fashioned street lamp-post, it is the world's first space

observatory and carries a 7-foot radio telescope that is designed to pick up gamma rays from the stars of the Milky Way, hundreds of millions of miles away. These gamma rays—invisible electro-

magnetic waves of energy like radio waves—never reach the Earth, as they are screened out by the atmosphere. But they are of intense interest to astronomers, for they are believed to radiate from radioactive substances hurled into space by "dying" stars, and are thus a clue to the composition and age of the stars.

As it whirls around the Earth, Explorer XI tumbles end over end about ten times a minute. This motion enables the telescope, aimed from the end of a two-foot-long octagonal aluminium box, to scan part of the surrounding space every six seconds. The box is fitted with solar cells which generate electricity for the satellite's two transmitters.

Launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, Explorer XI is following a path ranging from 300 to 700 miles above the Earth. It is expected to remain in orbit for at least six months and possibly for as long as three years.



Bandswoman Thelma Hudson of the Women's Royal Army Corps strikes a chime on the glockenspiel (play of bells) which she carries when the band is on parade

PIGEON HERO

Newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic recorded the recent death of a pigeon in Detroit Zoo. G.I. Joe was the bird's name and it was, of course, no ordinary pigeon. It was, in fact, a hero of the Second World War.

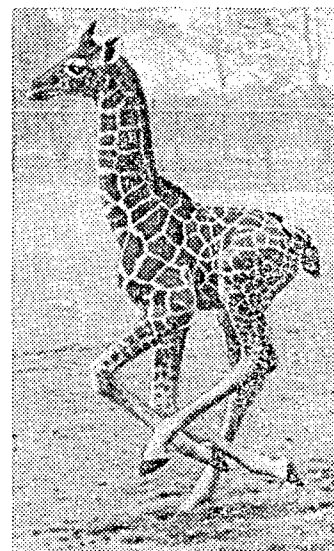
G.I. Joe's great day was in October, 1943. British troops had captured a village in Northern Italy, but the advance had been so rapid that they were in danger of being bombed by supporting Allied aircraft. The only hope of preventing great loss of life lay in making contact with the airstrip, 20 miles back, where the planes were ready to take off. The

vital message was written and G.I. Joe was entrusted with it, reaching the airstrip just in time to prevent the aircraft taking off.

That flight earned the trusty pigeon the Dickin Medal (the animal's V.C.) and, later on, a place of retirement in the U.S. Army's pigeon hall of fame in New Jersey.

Four years ago G.I. Joe found a new home in Detroit Zoo. And it was there, on a June day, that he died.

FIRST STEPS



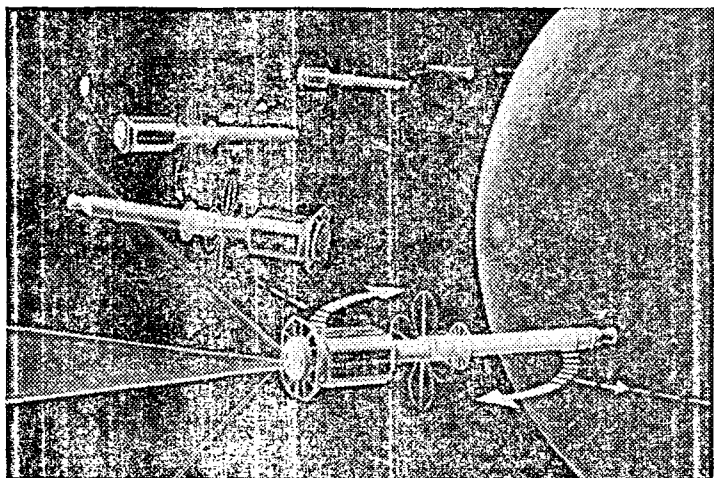
Whipsnade's new baby giraffe, April, took a trial run round her paddock as soon as she was three weeks old

100 legs to the rescue

A hundred sturdy human legs recently saved four men from being crushed to death against a wharf at Brisbane.

The drama began when a ship's fireman fell into the gap between the wharf and an 8,000-ton freighter. Three men jumped into the water to help him just as the wash of a passing vessel began to push the freighter farther inshore, narrowing the gap still more. Then 50 dockyard workers rushed to the scene. Sitting on the wharveside, they all braced their legs against the freighter's side, holding it back long enough for the four men to be hauled up.

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A diagram showing how Explorer XI tumbles over and over in orbit, so that it can detect radiation from the stars.

REBELS IN THE HOUSE

By the C.N. Parliamentary Correspondent

A nation's laws are influenced by rebels; sometimes even created by rebels. This becomes clear when we look around the Commonwealth.

There we see men like Mr. Nehru of India who, once locked up for opposing Britain's authority, now occupy positions of power in countries they have helped to bring to independence.

At home our social progress has been pushed along by daring men and women who defied Governments and political parties even at the risk of their own careers. The result is better living conditions for countless millions.

The truth is: we all owe a great deal to rebellious spirits; and we should bear this in mind when we think about today's "rebels" in the Conservative and Labour parties at Westminster.

THE Conservative Government is under fire from sections of its own M.P.s about policy in Africa, the right of peers to sit in the Commons, penal reforms, and—most important of all—the Government's aim to enter the European Common Market.

The Labour Party is split on defence policy and over the future of its "nationalisation" programme—the policy of taking private industry into State ownership.

Broadly these conflicts are between those who demand political changes and those who resist them. "Rebels," as we understand the word at Westminster, are M.P.s who were elected to Parliament on the basis of a party's principles, policies, and programmes and then voted against their party on certain issues.

The penalties

For this they can be rebuked, reprimanded, or suspended from active membership of their parliamentary party. (This action does not stop them from being M.P.s, but until their suspension is cancelled they sit as Independents.)

On serious clashes of principle the party leader—the Prime Minister or Leader of the Opposition—may personally intervene. He may be likened to a general in the field, his "staff" consisting of whips.

Whips are M.P.s who organise the party "machine" at Westminster. One of their tasks is to see that M.P.s of their own party vote with the party on all necessary occasions, and especially on big issues.

Before a vitally important House of Commons vote the whips will send each M.P. a notice demanding his presence in the lobby to support his party. This notice is called a three-line whip, because it is underlined with three black lines.

Flouting the whips

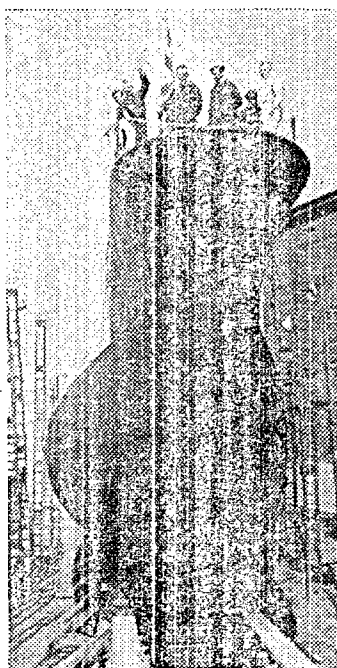
When an M.P. abstains from voting with his party on a three-line whip, or—worse still—votes with the rival party against his own party, he is said to have "flouted the whips". He is then a rebel.

The action taken against such M.P.s depends, of course, on the seriousness of the issue. A party might, indeed, be in doubt about some aspect of policy and might need the spur of disagreement (openly proclaimed) to make up its mind.

It has never been accepted that M.P.s should unfalteringly obey every command of their political leaders. Each party makes allowance for an individual to follow his own conscience, and so, on highly controversial matters, a "free vote" is sometimes allowed.

This means M.P.s can vote as

About to take the plunge



The bulbous bow of the new diesel-electric submarine Otter. She is seen gliding down the slipway during her launching at Greenock.

Continued from previous column they wish, without the risk of bringing down the Government or suffering "discipline" of one kind or another.

The most distinguished rebel of recent times was Sir Winston Churchill. He began his political career as a Conservative, changed to Liberal, then became a Conservative again. In the 1930's he opposed the Conservative Government's decision to ease India towards self-government, and he consistently assailed the Government for its failure to build up the nation's defences.

All in all, we have reason to be thankful for the rebels. They are not, of course, always in the right, but they often make governments think twice, and that is no bad thing.

BY HELICOPTER TO HOSPITAL

The Finnish Government has just taken over the helicopter ambulance service established two years ago by the Red Cross.

The helicopters have proved invaluable in Winter, especially in Finnish Lapland, when there is no other way of evacuating patients because of the deep snow. They have even made night landings on sea ice to unload cases from the coastal islands.

The helicopters are part of an air ambulance service which has made more than 600 flights during the past four years in Finland. Fifteen planes, privately owned but under contract, are always ready to answer urgent calls. Phone numbers of flying fields are posted on all Finnish telephone switchboards.

The cost of this service is shared by the patient, or his village, and the Red Cross.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

An obelisk has been set up to mark the site at Engels (450 miles south-east of Moscow) where Yuri Gagarin landed after his flight into space.

FISHY, BUT TRUE

Spotting a cod in the water while swimming at Great Yarmouth, 15-year-old Paul Mannall made a grab and caught it. The fish weighed eight pounds.

Earncliffe, the official residence of the U.K. High Commissioner for Canada since 1930, has been declared a national historical site. Built in 1855 on a hill above the Ottawa River, it was once the home of Sir John Macdonald, first Prime Minister of the Dominion.

Britain's exports of aircraft, engines, and radar equipment last year were worth £143,000,000.

UNDERGROUND SKI-LIFT

A ski-lift apparatus has been installed a quarter-of-a-mile down in Clifton Colliery, near Nottingham, to carry miners up a steep slope to the bottom of the shaft.

Folkestone is holding an International Folklore Festival this week, with dancers and singers from many European countries in their national costumes.

CROWDED BRITAIN

At last April's census the United Kingdom population was 52,675,094, an increase of nearly two-and-a-half million in the last ten years.

About 1,250,000 Russians visited the recent British Trade Fair in Moscow.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Arthur Ramsey, will be enthroned next Tuesday, 27th June. There will be three enthronements: in the episcopal throne in the choir, in the Dean's stall, and in the ancient chair of St. Augustine.

Road-Safety Sunday

Services devoted to road safety will be held in churches throughout Britain next Sunday, 25th June, as part of the national campaign organised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. "Love Thy Neighbour as you walk, ride, or drive on the roads"—that will be the message, and it is hoped that the churches will bring it home to vast new audiences.

STRAY TORTOISE

The owners of a wandering tortoise were traced through a telephone number on the creature's shell. Lost for three weeks, it had travelled four miles from its Eastbourne home.

PRIZE-WINNER



Nine-year-old Rachel Dunham of Sandy, Bedfordshire, with her concertina. She won a prize for her playing at a recent international festival in London.

Two naturalists used an Auster aircraft to make a census of swans in the Great Yarmouth area. In 45 minutes they finished the job, which would have taken them several weeks on foot.

For the third year running, Britain's only pair of ospreys have raised a family on a protected site at Loch Garten, Inverness-shire.

Among the many wedding presents of the Duke and Duchess of Kent was the Australian Government's gift of 12 dessert spoons and 12 dessert forks made of Australian gold.



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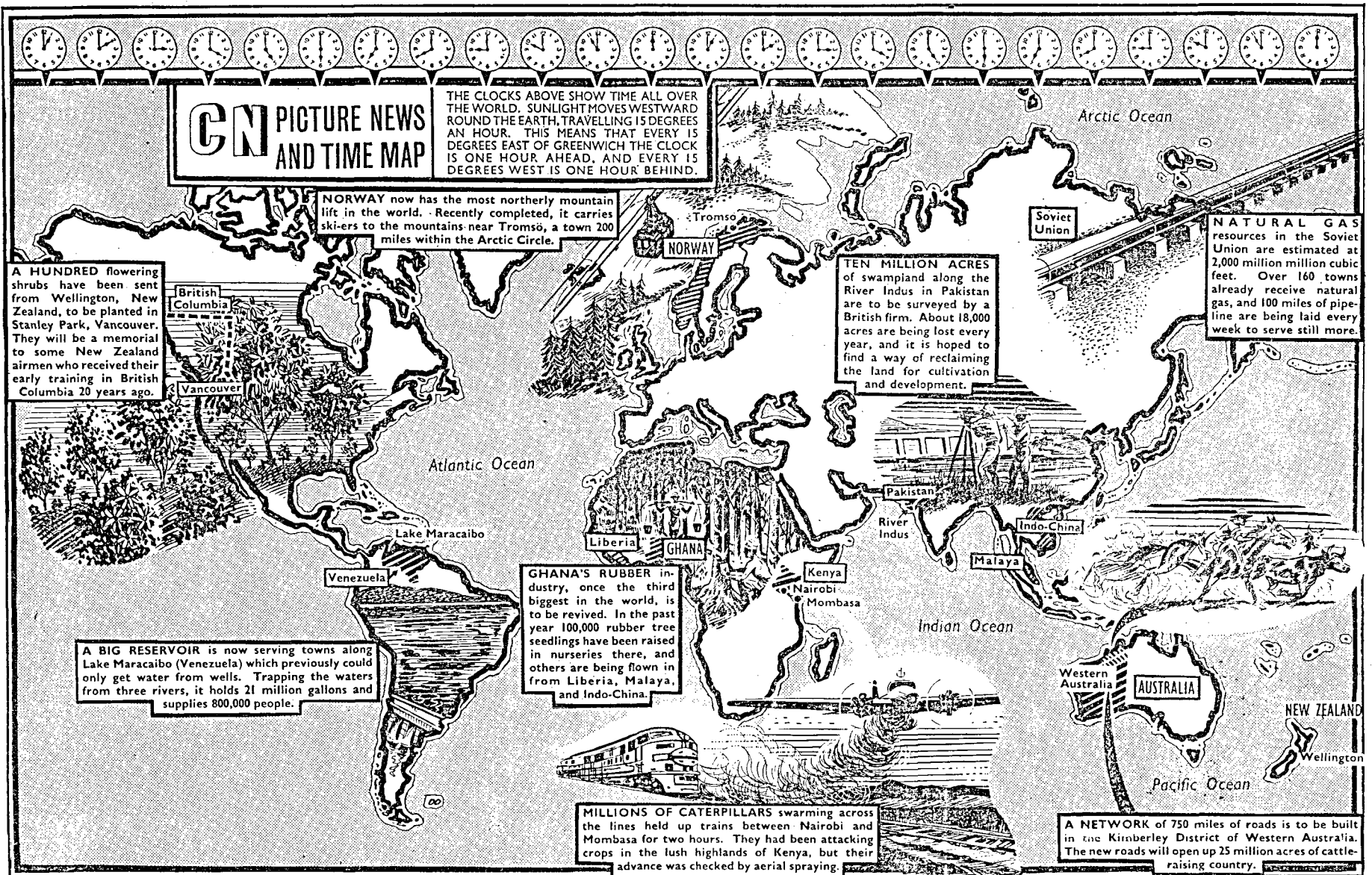
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SAMOANS TO GO IT ALONE

Western Samoa, a small group of tropical islands in the South Pacific Ocean, is soon to become the first independent Polynesian nation.

Consisting of the islands of Upolu and Savai'i and a few islets, Western Samoa was once a German colony but since 1919 has been Trust Territory administered by New Zealand, first under a League of Nations mandate, and then under United Nations Trusteeship.

Under New Zealand guidance the brown-skinned Samoans have been encouraged to take an increasing part in the political development of their country, and in October 1959 the first Samoan

Prime Minister took office. Now they have voted for complete independence, and on 1st January, 1962, Western Samoa will take its place in the world as a sovereign State.

The mountainous island of Upolu has a place in British literary annals. Robert Louis Stevenson spent his last few years there, and his grave is on Mount Vaea. On one side of it is his poem ending with the famous lines:

*Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.*

Fighting insects in the forest

The Australian Government recently had to send an 18-man team with a helicopter and a chemical spray to fight a plague of insects.

The invaders, called phasmatids, had spread through the thick woods of Bogong County, Victoria, on the flanks of the Australian Alps. They had killed not only the large eucalyptus trees in their path, but the undergrowth as well.

Tests uncovered as many as 500,000 phasmatids in each acre of badly infested woodland, and

the plague threatened to fan out through the whole State of Victoria.

A preliminary survey showed that already the area of this man-against-insect battle extended over 6,000 acres, and that at least 600 of them were already devastated.

The government helicopter used its chemical spray containing diesel fuel, at tree-top level, killing off the phasmatids without endangering the valley's wild life.

Within a week it was claimed that 95 per cent. of the marauders had been destroyed.

TV to inspect the pipes

Workmen crawling along sewers or digging holes to look for faults in them, may soon be a thing of the past.

On closed circuit TV, during a recent demonstration at Wandsworth Town Hall, engineers in an office were given a close-up view of the interior of a twelve-inch pipe under the road 300 feet away. It was done with the aid of an inspection camera, about seven inches in diameter and 24-inches long, which has a built-in lighting unit. Enclosed in waterproof casing, it is mounted on a small sleigh or trolley which can be moved through the pipe with rods or ropes.

This new apparatus has been developed by the Pye Radio Company.

Sports Outfit for a reader

Congratulations to Bryan Kirkbride, Bingley, Yorkshire, who has won the First Prize in our "Sports" competition of 20th May. Bryan wins a sports outfit for himself and a set of Arthur Mee's *Children's Encyclopedia* for his school.

Book Tokens go to the following runners-up: Loraine Barker, Ballymena; P. Brocklehurst, Chigwell; Ian Ellis, Welwyn Garden City; Alan Halsey, Newtownabbey; Susan Hughes, Epsom; Anne Kingston, Weybridge; D. Lavender, London, S.E.9; William Ross, Edinburgh; Ian Woodroffe, Chippenham; and Billy Woodward, Boston.

Handcuffed schoolchildren

Mrs. Coggan, wife of the new Archbishop of York, will fulfil her first official engagement in the city of York on Thursday when she opens the new home of the Blue Coat and Grey Coat schools.

It will be an important occasion for two charity schools which are over 250 years old; both were founded in 1705.

In those days children of poor people received little or no educa-

tion, so there was a great demand for places when the Blue Coat School for Boys opened in a discarded medieval hall, and the Grey Coat for Girls in a Georgian house near Monk Bar. Yet by modern standards the pupils had a hard time, and sometimes punishment was severe; on occasions children were even handcuffed.

Today, the schools face a new future together in a new home on the outskirts of the city of York.

HISTORY ON THE WALLS



Pupils of Woodside School, Croydon, are decorating their classroom with scenes copied from the Bayeux Tapestry, the famous piece of 11th century needlework telling the story of the Norman Conquest.

Bilko is back on duty



PHIL SILVERS—or do you know him best as U.S. Army Master Sergeant Ernest Bilko?—is back on duty as from this Thursday in BBC television.

The Best of Bilko will be a daily selection from previously televised exploits of the fast-talking soldier and such comrades-in-arms as Doberman, Ritzik, and the unfortunate Colonel Hall.

The films, beginning with *Bilko's Double Life*, will be shown from Mondays to Fridays at 7.5 p.m. during *To-night's Summer break*. Bilko will be "paid off" on 18th July.

OXBRIDGE HOSPITAL GETS A NEW WING

New things are happening in *Emergency—Ward 10*, which ATV now claims to be Britain's longest-running, non-stop TV programme. By the middle of July, I hear, a new accident wing will have been added to Oxbridge Hospital.

Says producer John Cooper: "The new wing will allow us to use the most up-to-date technical equipment and show many of the interesting features of modern hospitals."

An ATV team recently examined a new accident wing at a hospital in Northampton. This helped scene designer Lewis Logan to draw up an authentic architectural plan.

On Sundays, beginning in Sep-

tember, there is to be an extension of *Emergency—Ward 10* under the title *Call Oxbridge 200*. This will be the home phone number of Ward 10's John Rennie (actor Richard Thorpe).

He sets up in private practice on the outskirts of Oxbridge and week by week viewers will see a lot of the "backstage" life of a country doctor. From time to time, of course, Dr. Rennie will visit Oxbridge Hospital.



Little ships at Greenwich

MODEL-MAKERS listening to the BBC Home Service children's programmes on Saturday might well think that George Naish has one of the most interesting jobs in the world. He is Keeper of Models at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

In *Home from Sea* he will be heard with David Lloyd-James in a recorded exploration of the Museum, including a visit to the workshop where ship models are made and repaired.

"That's quite an absorbing part of the tour," George Naish told me. "But the main feature will be our current 'Capital Ships' exhibition—it runs till the end of the year—covering everything from the *Victory* to the *Vanguard*, the last of the battleships. We include aircraft carriers too. After all, a capital ship is any fighting vessel that stands out in size."

As no visit to Greenwich would be complete without a mention of Nelson, listeners will be taken to the room containing the Admiral's relics, including the bullet-holed uniform he wore at Trafalgar.

Meet poodle Susie and Hug, the shy elephant

MAKING their TV debut this week will be Susie and Hug, the two little puppets you see in the picture with Jean Ford. All three will be appearing in Associated-Rediffusion's children's programmes week by week from Friday.

Jean Ford told me how the puppets were discovered. "My husband Tim and I were in a Paris toyshop when we fell in love with Hug. He is a shy elephant who only whispers. We bought him at once and I think viewers will agree the money was well spent. Then we decided Hug ought to have a companion, but there seemed to be nothing quite suitable in the shop. However, they told us it might be a good idea to take a look in the factory where the puppets were actually made.

"It was a funny sort of factory," Jean Ford went on. "It turned out to be a huge garret at the top of an old building in a rather dilapidated street. Up there we found several elderly ladies sewing up puppets' bodies and fixing on heads. We had a good look round and one dear little head really did take our fancy.



Jean Ford with Susie and Hug, the puppets who make their first TV appearance on Friday

While we waited, the old ladies fixed it on to a body—and there was poodle puppet Susie!"

Susie and Hug will tell stories in which quite ordinary objects like teacups and saucers seem to have the most extraordinary adventures.

LOAD UP YOUR CAMERA

HAVE your cameras ready for a Nature Photography competition in BBC children's programmes in the Home Service, covering all regions. Eric Hosking, the famous bird photographer, will be giving full details on 6th July. Meanwhile, it is worth noting that competitors will have two clear months in which to make their bid for the prize picture.

Originally the competition was intended to close in the middle of August—until Eric Hosking pointed out that July and August are not good months for bird-watching. Because of this, listeners will be given an extended deadline—to 7th September.

The Professor goes punting

PUNTING along the river looks so simple. But watch Oliver "Professor" Postgate in BBC Junior TV's *Summerhouse* this Wednesday.

Producer Rosamund Davies took a film camera down to the Thames at Teddington while she investigated and demonstrated this honourable British pastime. To save you shocks, I had better mention that the Professor gets tied up with the punt pole. If he does not fall in, something will be wrong with the Law of Gravity.

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Sam is still picking up his musket

ALTHOUGH it is nearly 60 years since his first appearance before the public—as a choirboy—Stanley Holloway is still as lively as ever. When I met him recently at Associated-Rediffusion's Wembley studios, this 70-year-old veteran was skipping around dressed up as a rascally Arabian. "I never felt fitter," he told me.

This Thursday Stanley has a show of his own—*Meet Mr. Holloway*—on BBC television. He will remind us of "Sam, Pick Up Thy Musket" and other favourites.

One of his biggest singing successes has been in the past few years as dustman Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*.



Stanley Holloway, who has his own show on Thursday

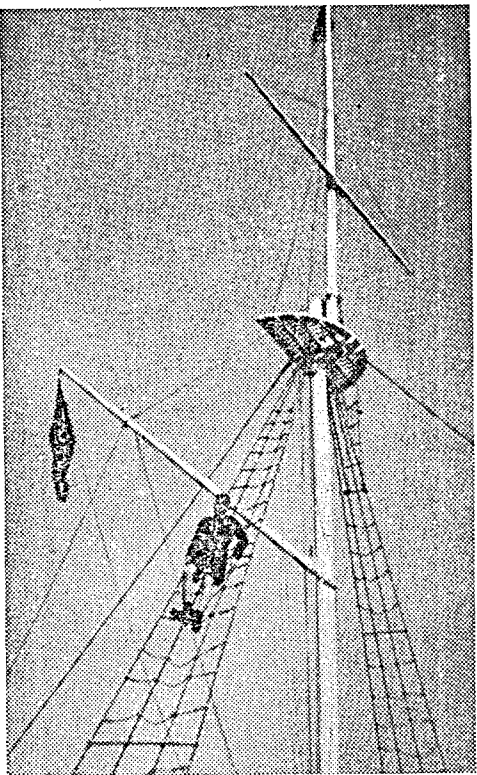
PEN PAL IN VIENNA

THE BBC's roving film man, Charles de Jaeger, told me his flat in Richmond is the most deserted spot in Surrey. He is scarcely ever there! His latest travels have taken him to Austria for *Pen Pals*, BBC Junior TV's film series about Continental places presented in the form of a letter from a child over there describing his or her hometown to a pen pal in Britain.

This Thursday's letter comes from "Monica", who lives in Vienna. It covers everything from Mozart and Schubert and the houses they lived in, to the city's airport and a modern fashion school.

We see the Parliament Buildings and the famous castle of Schoenbrunn, Summer palace of the Austrian Emperors—and, of course, the beautiful Blue Danube.

School with an eye on the sea



The lad with a bird's-eye view from the rigging is not gazing from a ship in mid-ocean. The mast is firmly embedded in concrete, and the picture was taken at the Parkstone Sea Training School by one of the boys, David Kennett.

The school has its eye on the sea, nevertheless, for it stands near the top of Constitution Hill, overlooking the blue waters of Poole Harbour, Dorset. The school boats are sailed regularly there, and the boys learn the rudiments of seamanship and practical sailing. They also learn boat-building.

A secondary modern school, formed by the amalgamation of the Watts Naval Training School and the Russell Cotes Nautical School, it prepares boys from 11 to 16 for entry either into the Royal Navy or the Merchant

Navy. The boys who decide on the Royal Navy leave soon after they are 15 and go on to the naval training establishments of H.M.S. *Ganges* at Shotley, near Ipswich, or H.M.S. *St. Vincent* at Gosport. Those who prefer the Merchant Navy stay on till they are 16. Whichever they choose, they know they are all set for a life of adventure, with a chance to see all those exciting places that are now only names on the map.

The school has a fine band of 30 which gives public performances, and David is at present playing the trumpet in the practice band, eagerly awaiting the day when he will be a full bandsman.

When he leaves the school he hopes to go to the Royal Marine School of Music at Deal in Kent where all the marine bandmen are trained.

SAHARA BUS RIDE

If you want to cross the Sahara, catch a bus—from Algiers. There is a regular service and the journey, of some 3,000 miles, takes about 20 days. But it is much more adventurous than most bus rides, as we learn from Louis D. C. Joos, a German journalist, in his book: *Through the Sahara to the Congo* (Blackie, 15s.).

The little bus on which he set out from Algiers to Fort Lamy (south of Lake Chad) carried food and water for the passengers, and wire mats and picks and shovels for them to dig out the vehicle if it got stuck in loose sand.

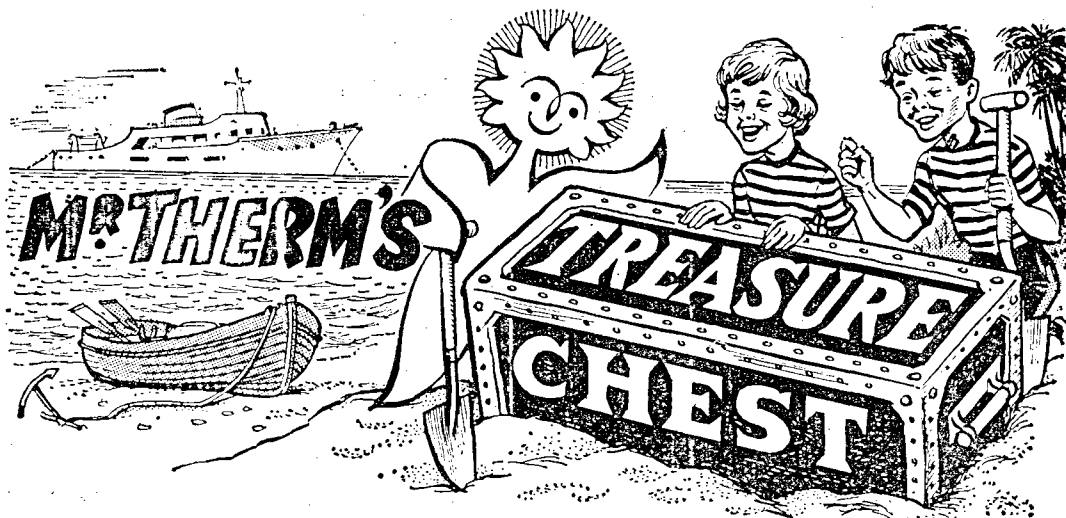
Among their many strange experiences was driving into a mirage. "Mountains rose up in the air before my eyes and hovered shimmering high above the horizon, casting their dark shadows over the glistening illusory sea . . . Once we even saw a canoe . . . A truck coming towards us appeared first as a mountain, then as a tree, and finally as a ruin. Only when it

was quite near could we distinguish its true outlines."

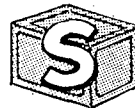
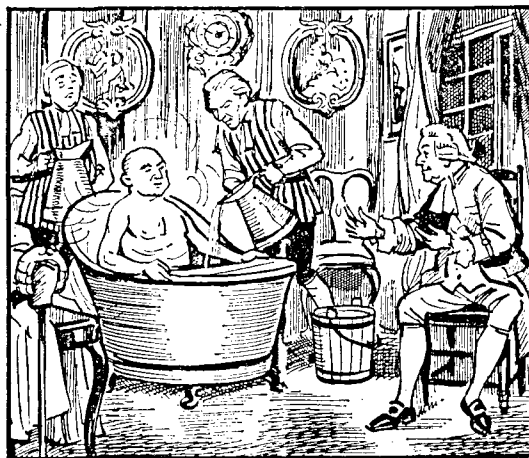
But the awe-inspired passengers were brought back to reality by the bumpy road. On one bad stretch the gallant little bus broke its front axle; but luckily this happened close to the desert township of Tamanrasset, where a truck was obtained to enable passengers to continue their journey.

Then a sandstorm stopped the truck's engine and everyone had to shelter in a thicket by the roadside. And as the sandstorm died down they had to watch helplessly while two lions dragged the last of their food supply from the roof of the truck!

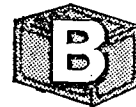
Many more adventures followed before journey's end was reached, and they make exciting reading. Mr. Joos knows the Sahara well, and in addition to the thrills of the long trip he has much to tell us of the people who struggle to make a living in this pitiless desert.



There's no limit to the wonderful things Mr. Therm provides for us all.



SINCE gas water heating has become so popular in Britain, baths are no longer a problem—except for people who don't like washing! With a gas heater, you get lovely hot water all the time. It runs hot at once and it keeps on running hot. When you have your hot water by gas, you could have a bath for twenty-four hours, and you'd never run out of hot water. Mummy might be cross, though. Perhaps if the Romans had known Mr. Therm, they would never have made all their conquests: life would have been much too comfortable in Rome to move.



BATHS of one sort or another are as old as mankind, though man's attitude towards them has differed at times. The Greeks and Romans built some of the most efficient baths there have ever been, and their system for heating water for these baths is still a wonder to engineers to-day. From the middle ages almost to our own time, having a bath was still a complicated business, with one servant after another bringing the hot water in jugs. It must have been very difficult to regulate the temperature of the bath!



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A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!



HERE'S WHAT TO DO

These panels each spell the name of something mentioned in the story above, and you can find out what they are by writing down the initial letters only of the objects in the order they are shown. Make a neat, numbered list of your answers on a postcard, add your full name, age and address, then post it to: Mr. Therm's Treasure Chest No. 9, Children's Newspaper, 3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

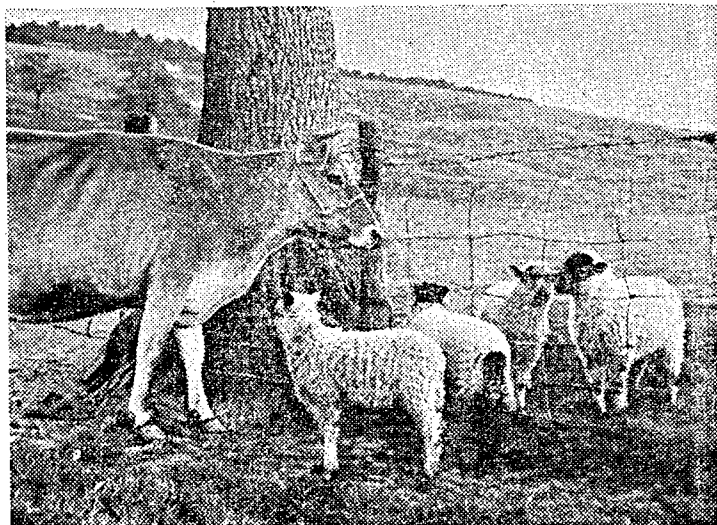
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OLD-TIME DANCING TO OLD-TIME MUSIC

Stately dances watched by kings and queens in olden days are to be revived at the 37th Haslemere Festival, 15th-22nd July.

These early court dances will be performed in period costume and the original tunes will be played on the harpsichord and other old-time instruments.

There will also be four special concerts for schoolchildren with commentaries by Carl Dolmetsch.

Tickets from Haslemere Hall Box Office, Haslemere, Surrey.

Four orphan lambs which were found wandering on the Derbyshire moors after losing their mother are here seen with the Jersey cow which adopted them.

But for the cow, Sweetie, the lambs would almost certainly have died. Fed by her twice a day, they will soon be old enough to join Farmer Peter Blackshaw's flock of 300 sheep.

It was Mrs. Blackshaw who suggested introducing the orphan lambs to the cow, but everyone in the neighbourhood is surprised at the success of the experiment. Sweetie and the lambs, however, seem to think it the most natural thing in the world.

Chess as a game for the young

Two hundred entries in 1958, thirteen hundred in 1961. The event, Liverpool Junior Easter Chess Congress. These figures are just one indication of the growing popularity of chess among school-children.

During every school holiday, hundreds of boys and girls from the age of six upwards take part in chess tournaments. The game is almost as popular among the under twelves as it is among the older children. Wallasey Junior Congress, restricted to children under eleven living on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, attracted 392 entries this year.

Apart from individual competitions, team events, ranging from

school competitions to junior international matches, are becoming increasingly popular.

Perhaps the most keenly fought team event is for the Glorney Cup, in which junior teams from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales compete. This year the event is taking place in Scotland in July.

Other popular team events are the counties under-18 team championship; the counties under-18 correspondence championship, in which games are played by sending moves through the post; and the *Sunday Times* National Schools Tournament, in which 358 schools are competing this year.

Junior chess is probably better

organised in this country now than ever before and many young players make their match debut in the annual Teenagers match. Clubs throughout the country are asked to organise a match against teenagers during National Chess Week, which usually takes place in March. The results of these matches are then sent to the National Chess Week committee who declare the winners.

There is a popular fallacy that chess is an "old man's game." Nothing could be farther from the truth. Top-class chess players have to be as fit as athletes to stand up to the strain of a long and gruelling tournament in which a single lapse in concentration may lead to defeat.

The former world champion, Mikhail Tal of the U.S.S.R., is 24. At the age of 20 he won the U.S.S.R. Championship and the coveted title of Grandmaster, the highest award a chess player can earn. The American champion, Bobby Fischer, is 18. He became the youngest Grandmaster in the world when he was 15. The British champion, Jonathan Penrose, who last year beat Tal in the chess olympiad at Leipzig, is 25.

As in any other game, the younger you are when you learn, the better your chance of becoming a really great player. But you never grow too old to play it. Chess is the ageless game.

Exploring the seashore

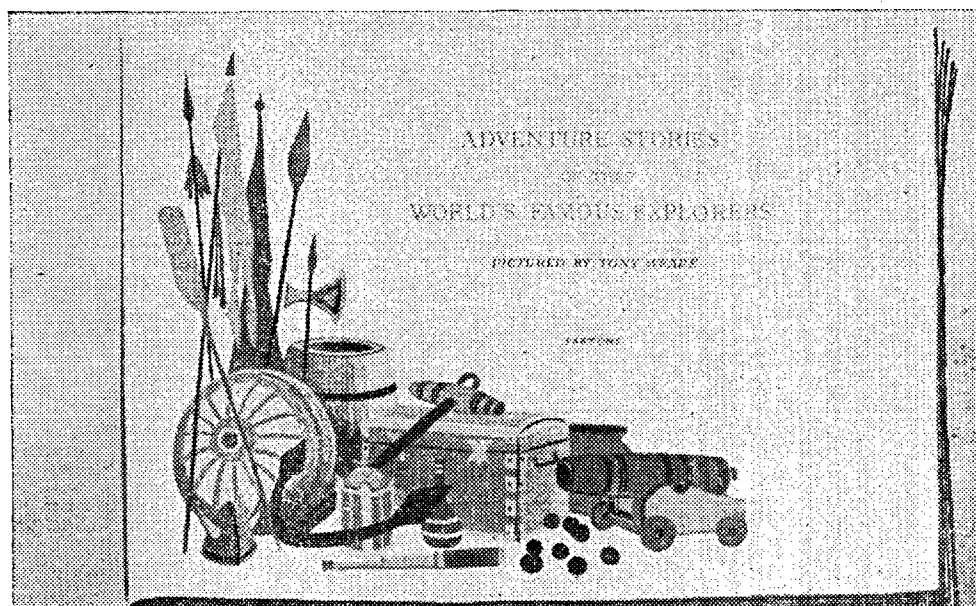
There are few adventures to equal going out in search of wild creatures with a kindly guide who knows all about them. And that is the adventure enjoyed by the boy David in *The Seaward Trail* by A. L. Evans (Phoenix, 12s. 6d.). A first-rate book on exploring the seashore, it tells of expeditions in the neighbourhood of lovely Morecambe Bay.

Watching through the dawn hours for a flight of pink-footed geese, whose cries sound like the baying of a pack of ghostly

hounds; landing a mighty dogfish on the wide sands after the tide has left them; a boat trip to watch porpoises—each of the nine chapters has its special quest and recounts the life and habits of some fascinating wild creature.

The author is a well-known Lancashire naturalist with a true love and understanding of the wild of which he writes so well. His book is illustrated with his own excellent drawings and photographs and there is a tang of the seashore on every page.

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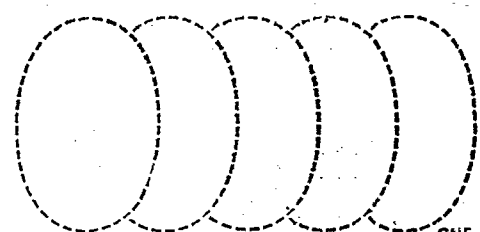
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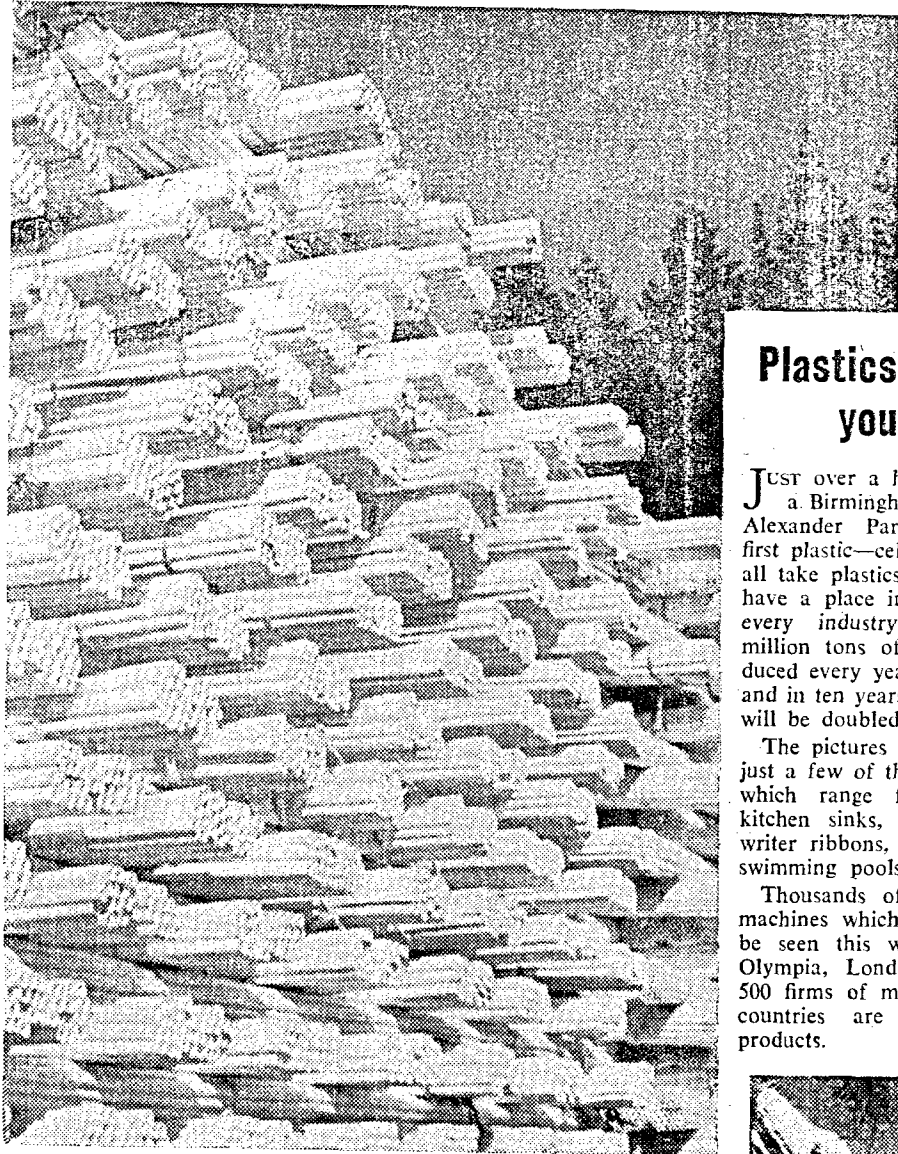


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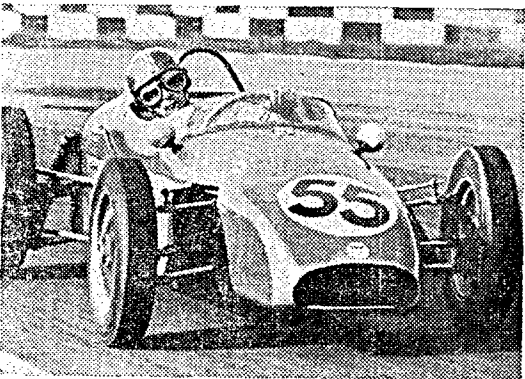
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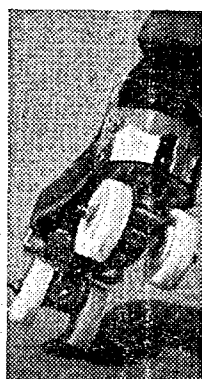
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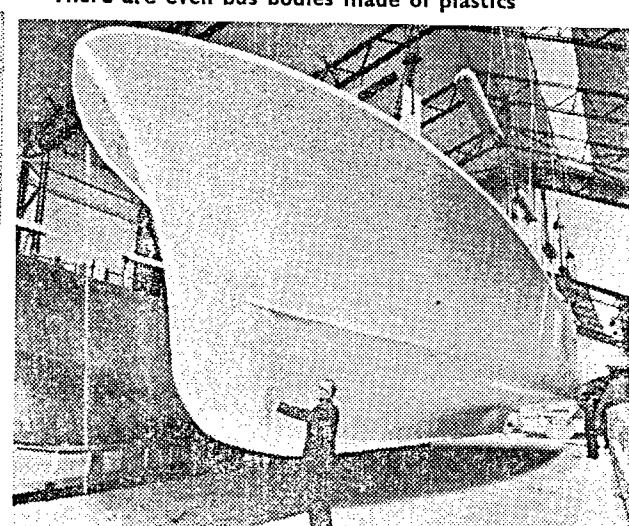
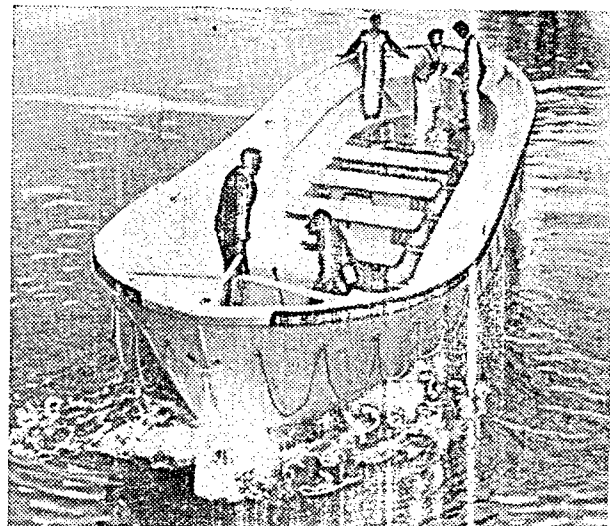
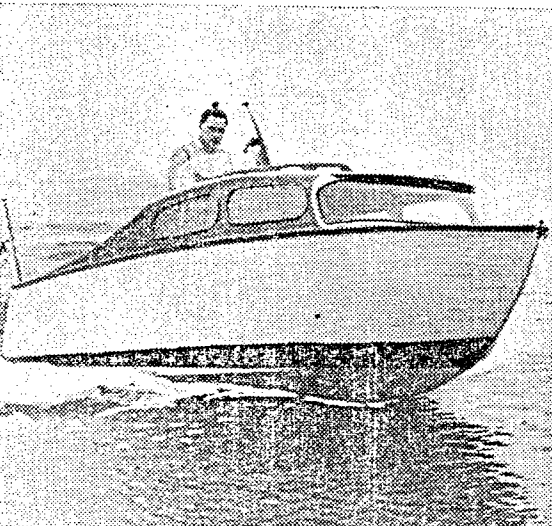
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A plastic-bodied racing car and (right) plastic rollers for 2-leg-power



Alligator on a film set



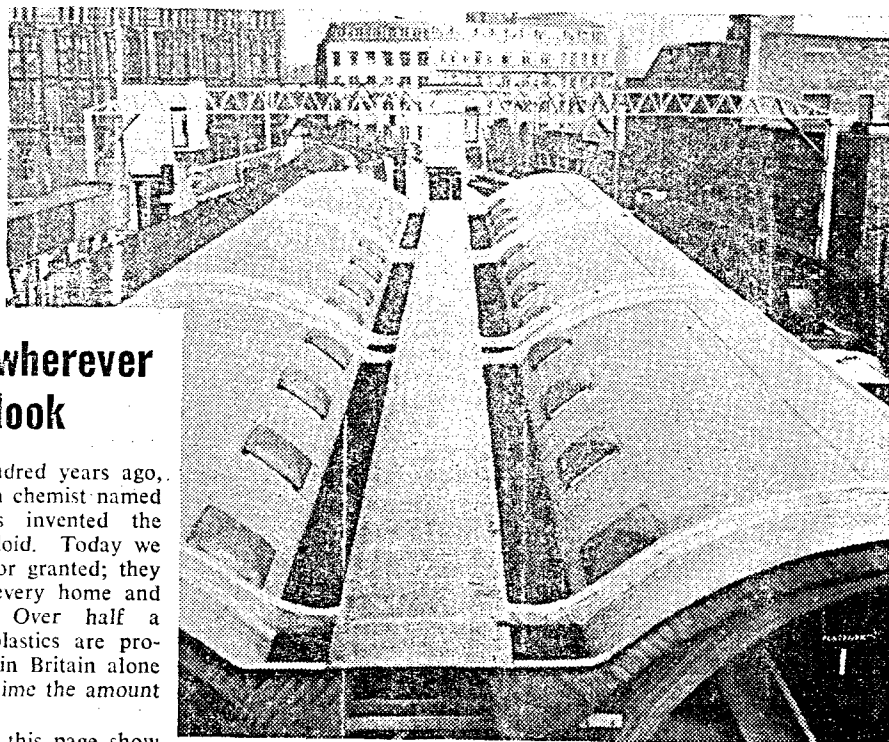
PLASTICS GO TO-SEA. A powerful cabin cruiser ; (centre) A lifeboat of the new liner Canberra ; (right) The world's biggest reinforced plastic moulding—67 feet long

Plastics wherever you look

Just over a hundred years ago, a Birmingham chemist named Alexander Parkes invented the first plastic—celluloid. Today we all take plastics for granted; they have a place in every home and every industry. Over half a million tons of plastics are produced every year in Britain alone and in ten years' time the amount will be doubled.

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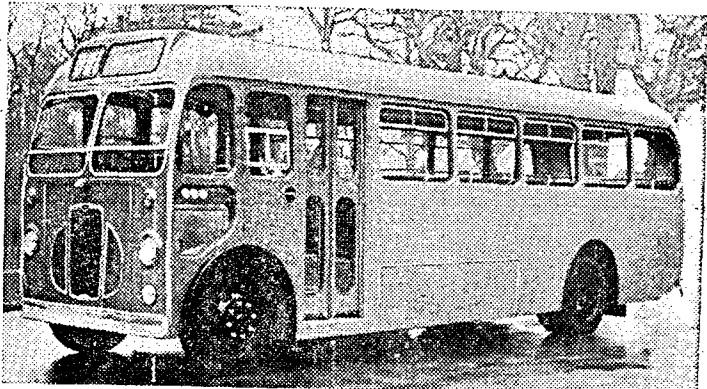
Thousands of others—and the machines which make them—can be seen this week and next at Olympia, London, where nearly 500 firms of more than a dozen countries are displaying their products.



Roof of a Manchester railway station



A plastic tent to shelter building workers in bad weather



There are even bus bodies made of plastics

With a sting in the tail

MANY KINDS OF BEES AND WASPS

Most people probably think they can tell a bee from a wasp. They would be surprised to learn that some of the insects they think are bees are actually wasps, moths, or flies; and that a naturalist knows many kinds of wasps other than the black-and-yellow banded pest of the tea-table.

If pressed, they would probably say that there are two kinds of bee, the honey bee and the bumble bee. In fact, there are 25 different kinds of bumble bee (sometimes called humble bee) in the British Isles alone; and numerous other insects, many of which look more like wasps, are regarded as bees by entomologists, the scientists who study insects.

These other bees include cuckoo bees, which actually look like bumble bees—so much so that they are able, in cuckoo fashion, to leave their grubs to be reared in the nests of bumble bees; solitary bees, which do not live in colonies like honey and bumble bees; mining bees, which dig holes in sandy banks to make their nests; carpenter bees that make similar holes in rotten wood; and leaf-cutter bees that cut small round holes in leaves and build up the cells of their nests with the fragments so obtained.

Pollinating Primroses

Bees and wasps have four wings and flies, such as the common house-fly, have only two; but there is one quite common furry-backed fly that looks so like a bee that it is called the bee-fly. A Warwickshire naturalist has recently been able to show that this is the insect probably responsible for pollinating our primroses and enabling them to set seed.

Then there is a whole group of bee-like flies called hover flies, which are noted for the way they hover in the air for half-a-minute or so and then dart away suddenly to hover somewhere else. Bees never behave like this, and, of course, you can also tell hover flies

from bees by the fact that they have only two wings.

We also have two bee-like moths—both hawk-moths, the broad-bordered and narrow-bordered. Their caterpillars, like those of other hawk-moths, have a single "horn" at the tail end. Look for the broad-bordered feeding on honeysuckle, and the narrow-bordered on devilbit scabious from June to August. Both moths are distributed throughout the British Isles, and fly in May and June.

Turning to wasps, we find that the familiar jam-stealer is not the only one with black-and-yellow stripes on its body. In fact, six different species bear this distinctive livery, though two of them, the common wasp and the German wasp, are far more numerous than the rest. These two both build their papery nests underground, as a rule, but the German wasp will also resort to a hole in a roof and build on the rafters. Two more of these yellow-banded wasps usually hang their nests up in trees or bushes. One of them, the Norwegian wasp, is especially fond of gooseberry bushes for this purpose.

Much the largest of our native wasps is the hornet, which is twice the size of the common



Busy honey bee John Markham

wasp, and builds its nest in trees. It is fortunate that, although widely distributed, the hornet is not really common, for its sting is severe. Like other wasps, however, hornets will not attack unless you molest them or their nest.

RICHARD FITTER

HOSPITALS FOR BIRDS

A chain of hospitals for birds soaked in oil from ships has been established along Sweden's west coast. The "patients" are cleaned with special chemicals, and given infra-red lamp treatment, and food and rest. Often they have to stay for several weeks.

These rescue stations have been set up by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Gothenburg. Help in finding the oil-crippled birds is given by the Swedish Navy, Air Force, Sea Rescue Association, and Customs officers, who report signs of oil.

ON RECORD

New discs to note

RED PRICE: *Danger Man* on Parlophone R4789. This exciting theme introduces the tense stories in the television series and conjures up pictures of cars crashing through frontier posts with Patrick McGooohan close behind. (45. 6s.)

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HARRY BELAFONTE: *Belafonte Returns To Carnegie Hall* on RCA RD27205. Once again the recording engineers must be praised for the way they have captured the excitement and warmth of a Belafonte performance. For his programme at the Carnegie Hall in New York, he is joined by a new young singing group, the Chad Mitchell Trio and by Odetta, the remarkable girl who appeared with Belafonte on his BBC Christmas television show. Together they sing their hilarious version of *Hole In The Bucket*. (LP. 35s. 9½d.)



MARIA CALLAS: *Il Trovatore* on Columbia SEL1689. Maria Callas, Giuseppe di Stefano, with the orchestra and chorus from La Scala, Milan, sing a selection of arias from the last act of this dramatic opera. Callas makes this a memorable recording and conductor Herbert Von Karajan shares much of the credit. (EP. 14s. 7d.)

PERRY COMO: *For The Young At Heart* on RCA RD27206. All the songs in this selection have the word "young" in their title, and although they are not new they remain ever fresh. Perry Como sings them with deceptive ease, but behind his relaxed calm lies an enormous amount of hard work (LP. 35s. 9½d.)



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Famous pioneer hero of America's Wild West, Kit Carson was born in a log cabin in Missouri in 1809. When he was 15 his father died, and he was

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AFTER THAT KIT WAS TAKEN ON, THAT NIGHT HE LAY AWAKE THINKING OF ALL THE MEN HAD TOLD HIM OF THE GRIM SANTA FE TRAIL.



ADVENTURES FOLLOW THICK AND FAST FOR THE RUNAWAY APPRENTICE. SEE NEXT WEEK'S INSTALMENT



JUST LIKE JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbishire set out for Linbury Police Station with a Siamese cat they had found during an imaginary ascent of Mount Everest on the back stairs. They are unaware that the cat belongs to Mr. Wilkins' sister. Finding that the cat is missing, Mr. Wilkins, accompanied by Matron, sets off by car to the village to report his loss to the local policeman.

17. Errand of Mercy

THE village of Linbury was little more than half a mile from the school gates—a mere ten minutes' walk for anyone proceeding at a normal pace. But Jennings and Darbishire walked slowly, stepping with delicate tread for fear of disturbing the sleeping occupant of the fishing basket. They had covered less than half the distance when they heard the sound of a car coming along the road behind them.

Darbishire glanced back over

it found its basket transferred to the jolting back seat of a badly sprung car! One squawk of protest and the game would be up!

Awkwardly Jennings mumbled: "That's all right, Matron. Thanks all the same. We don't want to—er—I mean, please don't bother."

"It's no bother," she assured them.

"No, but, well, actually we don't mind walking, really."

Mr. Wilkins couldn't believe his ears. A ride in a master's car (however dilapidated the vehicle might be) was always looked upon as something of a treat, and normally the boys almost fell over one another in their eagerness to beg a lift.

"What's the matter with you?" he demanded. "You jump at the chance of riding in my car as a rule."

"Yes, I know, sir, only . . ."

"Don't talk such stupid non-

to Matron why he preferred to run a vintage car rather than an up to date model.

"You can say what you like about these modern mass-produced vehicles, but I'd rather have a car with character any day. You soon get used to a few odd squeaks and peculiar noises."

As though in response to his invitation an odd squeak and a peculiar noise sounded just behind him. Mr. Wilkins took no notice, but Jennings was filled with alarm.

"Oh fish-hooks, this is frantic!" he muttered, holding the lid of the

basket firmly shut against the scratchings going on within. In an undertone he whispered: "If it does it again, Darbi, we'll have to talk loudly and drown it."

"Drown it!" Darbishire echoed aghast with horror.

"I mean to make even more noise than the cat's making so they can't hear it. Cough, or something."

"But I haven't got a cough."

"Well, try to have one."

In the front seats conversation died away as Mr. Wilkins reached the end of his discourse; and in the comparative silence that followed Pyewacket let out a recognisable *Miaow*. At once a barrage of coughing broke forth from the rear-seat passengers.

"What on earth is the matter with you boys?" the driver demanded.

"It's just our cough, sir," Jennings explained.

"No need to make a duet of it."

"No, sir."

"And there's no need to make

those ridiculous animal noises, either," the master went on as another cry came from inside the basket.

It was as well that Mr. Wilkins, intent upon his driving, was unable to spare much attention for what was going on behind his back. Matron, wearing a puzzled expression, half turned in her seat, but Jennings put the basket on the floor out of her line of vision, at the same time smothering the feline protests with snatches of song.

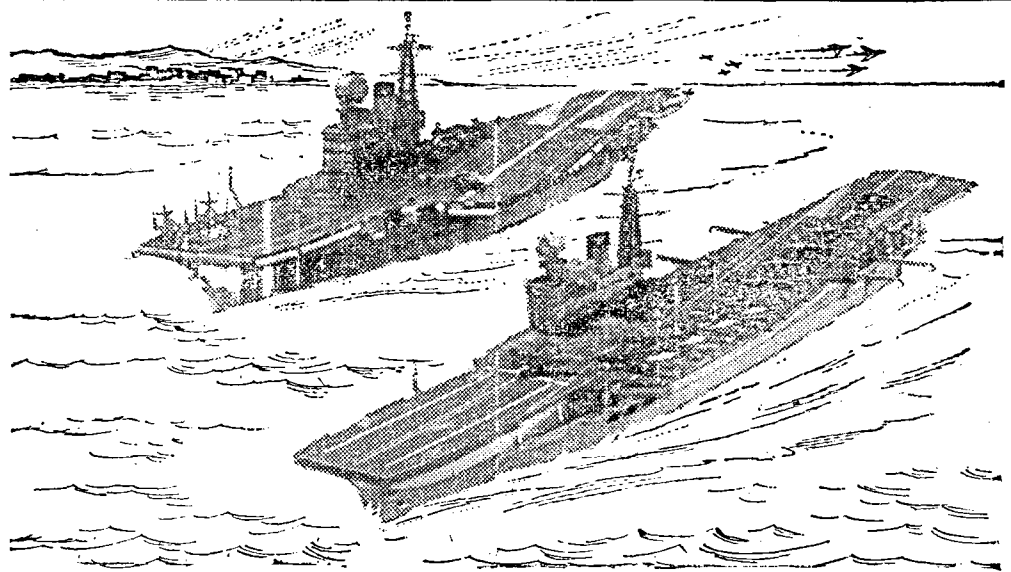
By now the car had turned into the village street and Mr. Wilkins pulled up at the kerb to allow his young passengers to alight.

"Out you hop!" he commanded. "Matron and I are going to the Stores first. I'll give you a lift home if you're about when we're ready to go."

"Yes, sir. Thank you very much, sir."

They stood watching as the car moved away down the village

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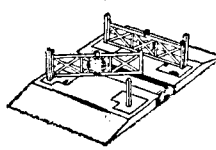
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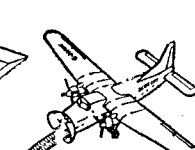
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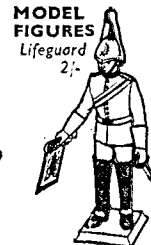
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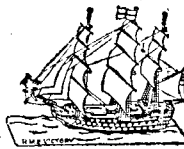
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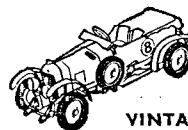
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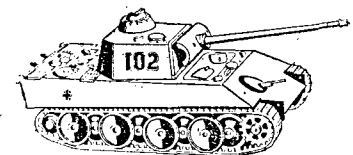
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A barrage of coughing broke forth from the rear-seat passengers

his shoulder. "It's Old Wilkie," he announced.

The boys drew closer to the off-side hedge to allow Mr. Wilkins more room for passing in the narrow road; but to their surprise there came a squeaking of brakes and the car pulled up beside them. Matron, seated next to the driver, gave them a welcoming smile and wound down the window.

"Mr. Wilkins has kindly offered to give you a lift into the village," she said, omitting to mention that he had pulled up—somewhat unwillingly—at her suggestion.

The boys exchanged anxious glances. If they accepted, it was more than likely that the reason for their journey would be discovered. And although there was no valid reason why their mission should be such a closely-guarded secret, they preferred to carry it out themselves without interference from well-meaning adults. So far, the Siamese cat had been a silent and co-operative traveller, but who could tell how it would behave if

sense, then. Hop in the back quickly. You'll be late for tea if you dawdle to the village and back at the pace you're walking."

It was impossible to argue: the invitation was practically a command.

"Oh well, thank you very much then, sir," Jennings said. He opened the door and followed Darbishire into the back of the car, perching himself gingerly on the edge of the seat with the basket on his knees.

"What's that basket you've got there?" Mr. Wilkins demanded. "Not going for a picnic, are you?"

Darbishire did his best to allay the master's suspicions. "It's only a fishing basket, sir," he exclaimed. "They're very handy for—er—well, you can put fish in them, if you want to."

"Indeed," Mr. Wilkins marvelled. He let in the clutch and the car moved forward.

For the first few hundred yards the journey was uneventful . . . Then the cat woke up. At the time Mr. Wilkins was explaining

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WORLD OF STAMPS

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ALTHOUGH the British West Indies are separated from Britain by thousands of miles of ocean, their postal services were for a long time under the control of the General Post Office in London. Ordinary British stamps were sold at the West Indian post offices and only by the postmarks could they be distinguished from similar stamps used in Britain. You will find a full list of such postmarks, and of the British stamps on which they were used, in Stanley Gibbons' British Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue.

One of the two post offices in the island of Antigua, for instance, was at English Harbour, and the postmark of this office, A 18, is pictured here. Because the amount of mail posted at English Harbour was small, few British stamps were cancelled with this postmark, and the collector who discovers one is lucky, for it may well be worth £50.

Eventually the British Government decided that it was time for the West Indian colonies to take control of their own postal services. The colonies were not enthusiastic over this suggestion, because hardly any of the post offices made a profit. But in 1860 an Act of Parliament made the necessary changes. The colonies then ordered, from printers in London, stamps of their own to



replace the British stamps they had been using.

Jamaica and St. Lucia issued their own stamps during 1860, St.

Vincent, Nevis, and Grenada in 1861, and Antigua in 1862. Now, a century later, several of these colonies are issuing special stamps to commemorate their first issues.

This month, three pictorial stamps mark the centenary of Grenada's first issue. Their designs show portraits of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth and various methods of transporting the mails. On the three-cent value is a familiar post office van, and in the background is a view of the G.P.O. at St. George's, Grenada.

LAST week, describing the Canadian stamp in honour of the Colombo Plan, I mentioned that its designer might have been thinking of the Warsak Dam, which has been built by Canadian and Pakistani engineers.

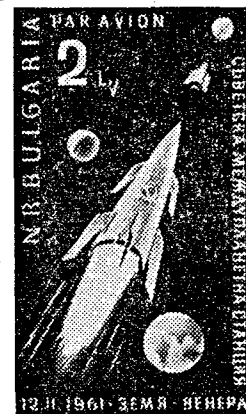
Now there is news from Pakistan of a special stamp to mark the completion of the Warsak project. The dam, and the power-



house which will generate electricity, have taken six years to build. An artificial lake 26 miles long is forming behind the dam and this will provide water to irrigate the barren lands round the Kabul River.

The new stamp—although dated 1960, it has only just been issued—shows a fine view of the Warsak Dam.

MORE and still more space stamps! A new one from Bulgaria shows the Russian rocket



which was launched on 12th February towards the planet Venus. **C. W. HILL**

JUST LIKE JENNINGS

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street and then Jennings heaved a sigh of relief.

"Phew! That was a bit tricky," he gasped, raising the basket lid half an inch to see how the Siamese had withstood the journey. He pointed to a house on the other side of the street. "Come on, let's hand it in to police headquarters right away."

It was an exaggeration to describe the semi-detached red brick villa across the road as "police headquarters," even though it had a notice board in the front garden bearing the words *Sussex Constabulary*. It was, rather, a rural sub-station from which Police-Constable Herbert Honeyball maintained law and order among the inhabitants of Linbury (population 398) and kept a watchful eye on the extensive belt of farmland around it.

"I wonder if it'll be the same policeman?" Jennings said as he led the way up the trim garden path. "I didn't get on too well with the chap I saw when I came here about my diary."

When the front door was opened in response to his knock Jennings' doubts were set at rest . . . It was the same man.

P.C. Honeyball winced slightly when he saw who his visitors were. He, too, had not forgotten their previous encounters.

"Oh, so it's you again. You keep turning up, don't you?" he greeted them in tones of mock resignation. "Well, what sort of trouble have you been getting into this time?"

Jennings was shocked. He had come as a public-spirited citizen to do his duty and here he was being treated like a suspect at an identification parade.

"Oh, we're not in any trouble," he assured the policeman. "We've found a stray cat wandering about and it doesn't belong to anyone at school so we've brought it to you."

Details of a cat

P.C. Honeyball took the basket and looked inside. "One Siamese cat," he confirmed in stolid tones.

"Yes, and it's not just because of the reward—if any; so don't think that," Jennings went on earnestly. "Though seeing all the hoo-hah we've been through getting it here I shouldn't be surprised if we were entitled to danger money really." He glanced

up and noticed a smile of tolerant amusement on the face of the middle-aged Mr. Honeyball.

He felt more sure of himself then. In spite of the gruff voice and the forbidding manner the village policeman obviously had his heart in the right place.

"Come on inside. I can't book down the details on the doorstep," P.C. Honeyball said and led the way into a front room which served as an office. He sat himself down behind a small desk to record the time and place of Pyewacket's discovery in a large black book.

"We won't hang about for Old Wilkie," Jennings decided as they went out of the station. "He's bound to overtake us on the road."

Glowing with the virtue of duty nobly done they set off along the village street heading for home at a smart walking pace.

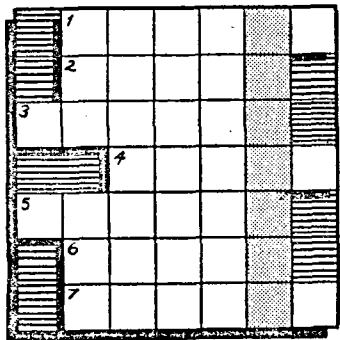
They had reached the very last house on the outskirts of the village before they realised that they had carelessly left Temple's fishing basket on the chair in the police station.

To be continued

PUZZLE PARADE

Find the astronomer

First, find the answer to each clue. When you have done so, take the letters in the sixth column and re-arrange them to form the name of a famous Italian astronomer.



- Capital of Portugal.
Worn by a bishop.
Composer of *The Messiah*.
Greek who "supported the world on his shoulders."
Builder of a Paris landmark.
Native race of New Zealand.
Blue dye.

ADD TWO LETTERS

The same two letters added to each of the boys' nicknames will provide the answer to each clue. See how quickly you can complete all five words.

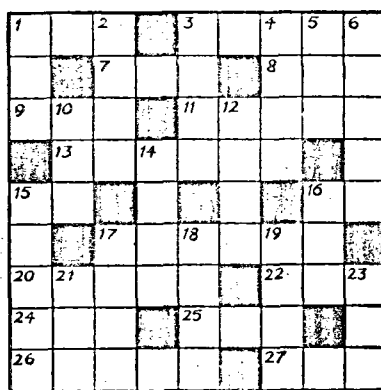
- Gus. Used for sweetening.
Ned. Shakespearean forest.
Ted. Step.
Len. Gain knowledge.
Sol. Concerned with the Sun.

ALL CHANGE!

In this word puzzle, the two incomplete words in each sentence are anagrams; that is, they consist of the same letters rearranged. The dots stand for the missing letters. Example: danger, ranged.

1. The farmer could s no apples, but he gave us some p
2. To hear the birds singing, you must remain q q
3. Aged men often l the decline in their m powers.
4. You cannot hope to sail across the o in a small c
5. An outbreak of f . . . pest interrupted the steady f . . . of eggs.
6. The ornamental l . . . in the park has sprung a l . . .

Answers are given in column 5



Answer next week

THREE OF A KIND

By putting the same three letters, differently arranged, in the spaces below three complete words can be formed. How quickly can you complete all three?

--- se; f --- ish; --- ner.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Direct. 3 Fruit. 7 Limb. 8 Independent Television News. 9 Feminine pronoun. 11 Notions. 13 One who makes a loan. 15 "All right." 16 Masculine pronoun. 17 Plan. 20 To peel away or drop off. 22 Unit of electric current. 24 Snake-like fish. 25 Be first. 26 Dangerous rocks. 27 Lengthen. READING DOWN. 1 Tree. 2 Female horse. 3 Among. 4 Promenade and landing stage. 5 Lawn Tennis Association. 6 Follow. 10 Largest of the deer family. 12 Small valley. 14 Between head and body. 15 Propose. 16 Turned edge of cloth. 17 Where prices are reduced. 18 Cuts. 19 Hair on neck of animal. 21 Shelter. 23 Dish.

Hidden cricketers

The letters in the words printed in italics can be re-arranged to form the names of two of the Australian cricketers now in this country. See how quickly you can find the names.

On such a perfect wicket the bowlers toiled in vain, and with the outfield dry and fast the score mounted quickly. Dick was the most accurate of the bowlers, but even the best he could do was to shave the off-stump with one ball.

Forming a river

Here are the jumbled names of five rivers in England. Can you sort them out correctly? If you can do so, you will find that the initial letters can be re-arranged to form the name of a sixth English river.

Dind; mathes; herrot; nety; eex.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday this week you share it with one of the following famous people.

- 18th June Eva Bartok, actress
19th June Walter Hammond, cricketer
20th June Earl De La Warr, statesman
21st June Jacques Offenbach, composer
22nd June Sir John Hunt
23rd June The Duke of Windsor
24th June Sir William Penney, nuclear scientist

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Add two letters. The letters are A and R—sugar; Arden; tread; learn; solar. Hidden cricketers. Harvey. Davidson. Find the astronomer. Letters in the sixth

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER
C R A P A U D
H A R S I
O L I A V
P E I N T R E
P E T E R
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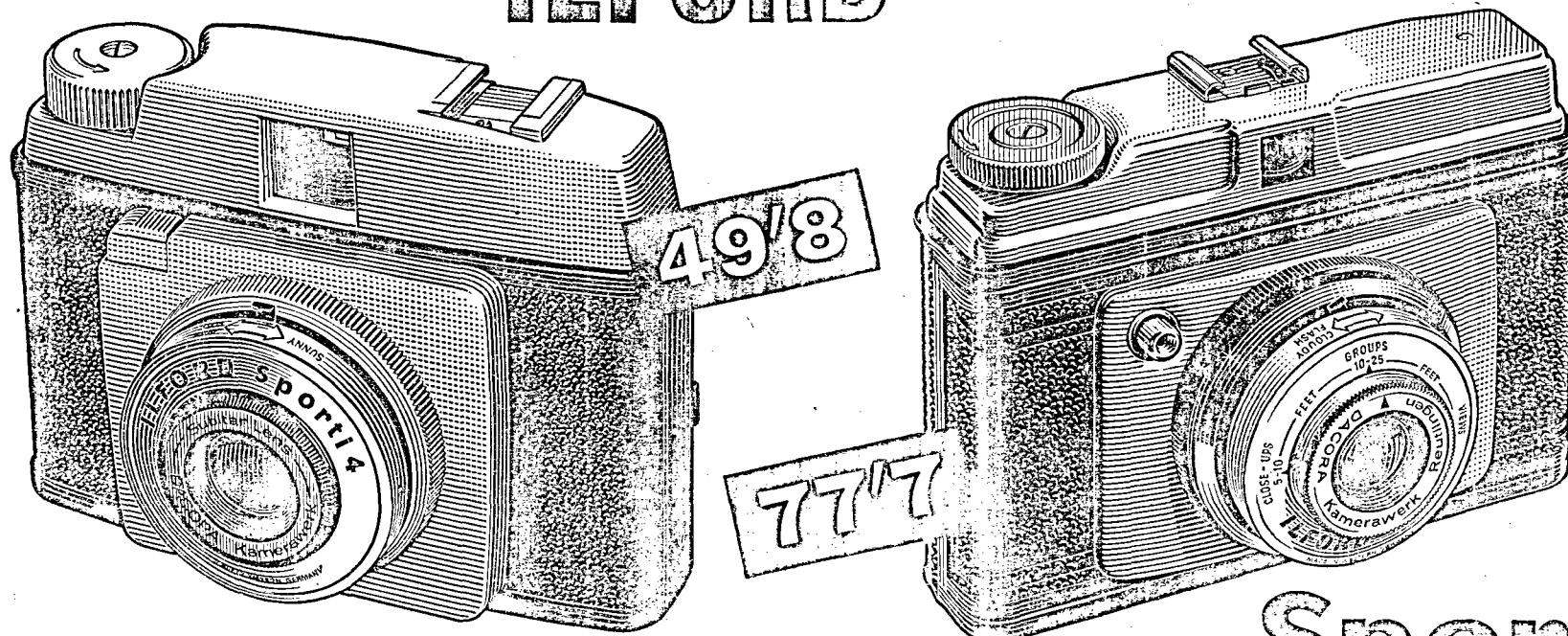
column will, when re-arranged, spell GALILEO. Forming a river. Nidd; Thames; Rother; Tyne; Exe — initials re-arranged to form TRENT.

Three of a kind. Nur-se, f-urn-ish, run-ner.

ALL CHANGE!

1 spare, pears. 2 quite, quiet. 3 lament, mental. 4 ocean, canoe. 5 fowl, flow. 6 lake, leak.

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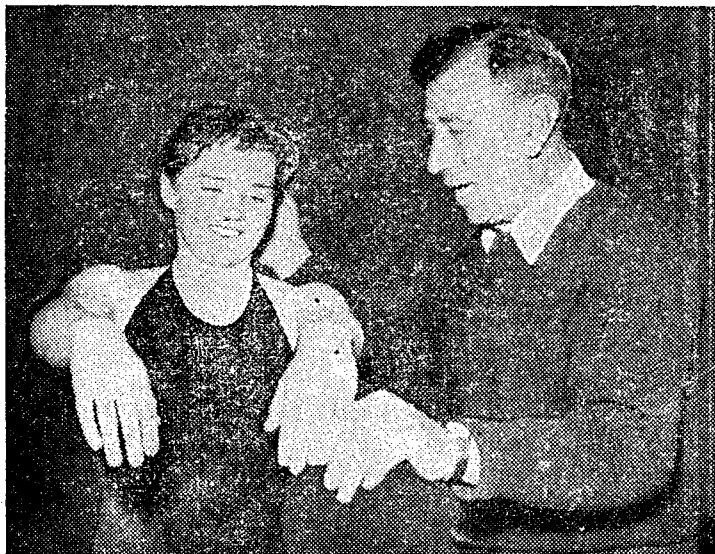


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WORDS OF ADVICE



Sheila Watt of Aberdeen, who swam against Holland in the recent international match at Cardiff, gets a few words of advice from her coach, Andy Robb.

PROMISING YOUNG BATSMAN

IN 1934 Denis Compton, then aged 15, hit 96 not out for the Rest of London Schools against North-east London. His record stood until a few weeks ago when 15-year-old Paul Foster, from Tulse Hill, broke it by scoring 113 not out in the annual match.

In a later match, playing for London Schools against Kent, Paul was again "among the runs",

scoring 86 before being caught.

In both these matches Paul took part in stands with his school-mate Graham Knott, who had been chosen for his slow bowling. In the first game Graham batted defiantly for 14 runs in 75 minutes; and in the second match he "stonewalled" for an hour to score 17 runs.

England due for win at Lord's

AFTER the disappointment at Edgbaston, where the first Test was constantly interrupted by rain, cricket fans will be hoping for better weather on Thursday, when the second Test Match between Australia and England begins at Lord's. They will also be hoping to welcome Peter May back to Test cricket after his long absence.

This week's match will be the 20th played between the two countries at Lord's, Australia having won seven and England five. England's last win there was in 1934, and before that 1896!

England's victory in 1934 has often been called "Hedley Verity's Match," for the Yorkshire left-arm spinner completely wrecked the powerful Australian batting side.

On the third morning of the match the tourists were 192 for 2, and heading for a big score, but when Verity struck on a rain-affected wicket he took seven quick wickets, and Australia were all out for 284. The tourists

followed on, and were dismissed for 118, Verity taking eight more wickets to bring his match figures to 15 for 104.

Another exciting match took place in 1953. On the evening of the fourth day England needed 343 runs in their second innings to win. But their first three wickets fell for twelve runs, and when a fourth wicket fell early the following morning it seemed that Australia must win. But Willie Watson and Trevor Bailey defied the Aussie bowlers for nearly five hours, and when they were finally dismissed only a few minutes of play remained and the game had been saved.

The Children's Newspaper, 24th June, 1961

Indoor athletics for Wembley

A FULL-SCALE international match will be held next Spring on the new indoor athletics track at the Empire Pool, Wembley. A two-day event between Britain and Germany, it will be the first of its kind ever held in this country.

Also arranged are a two-day international meeting—to which many of the world's leading athletes will be invited—and the A.A.A. and Women's A.A.A. national indoors championships.

The new track will be just over 145 yards long, giving approximately 12 laps to the mile. It will be banked at each end of the 39-yard straights. Down the centre of the arena will be a 60-yard straight for sprint and hurdle races, and there will be pits for the high jump, long jump, and pole vault.

Choir practice



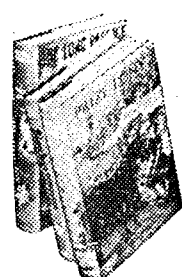
Manchester choirboys putting in a little cricket practice in an interval between their musical duties.

MIDNIGHT GOLF

ONE of Scotland's tourist assets is the fact that in Summer there are more hours of daylight than in the south. The farther north you go the longer the daylight lasts. Indeed, in Shetland, it is never dark in midsummer.

In Brora, Sutherland, this asset is being put to good use this Wednesday, when a golf tournament will be played at midnight!

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Ready for world's toughest cycle race

ON Sunday 132 racing cyclists from many parts of Europe will set out on the longest, toughest, and most famous cycle race in the world—the Tour de France. Eight national teams, including one from Britain, and three French regional teams will be taking part.

Leading the British team of twelve will be Brian Robinson, the Yorkshireman who now lives on the Continent. A short time ago Brian announced his retirement, but after a great win in

France recently he had a change of heart. This will be his seventh Tour.

Starting at Rouen in northern France, the riders will have to cover some 2,500 miles through France, Belgium, and Italy before the final sprint, 22 days later, to Paris. The first few days of the Tour will be over fairly flat roads, which later give way to the gruelling climbs through the Alps and later the Pyrenees.

This year, for the first time, a new race is being held in con-

junction with the Tour de France, although it actually starts a week later. This event is for independents (semi-professionals) and amateurs.

Called the Tour de l'Avenir, this race for promising young riders begins at St. Etienne and covers 1,250 miles of the Tour de France course. To avoid the riders in the two events becoming mixed up with one another, the professionals will set out each day two hours after the amateurs.

Twelve countries are expected to send teams, including a strong one from Britain.

